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October 23, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

This week, Governor Abbott and the Texas Education Agency announced a new program, the Supplementary Special Education Services (SSES), that will connect eligible students who have severe cognitive disabilities with additional support for the critical services they need. As somebody who has dealt with dyslexia and dysgraphia, I know that it is more important now than ever, especially given the current circumstances students find themselves in, that these most vulnerable students have the resources and services they need to continue their education. I am very proud of the hard work school districts continue to do and for their huge part of making this program a reality. The SSES is, of course, not a finish line. I am eager to continue working for these families and all of Texas' students in the coming legislative session.

Early voting for the General Election will continue through October 30, 2020. Record numbers of early vote ballots have been cast across the country, and Texas leads the nation in the number of early ballots cast. I am continuing to encourage all those who are eligible to vote, and urge you to call on your family and friends to do the same!

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



State Updates

Gov. Abbott, TEA Establish Targeted Education

Funds for Families of Students With Cognitive Disabilities

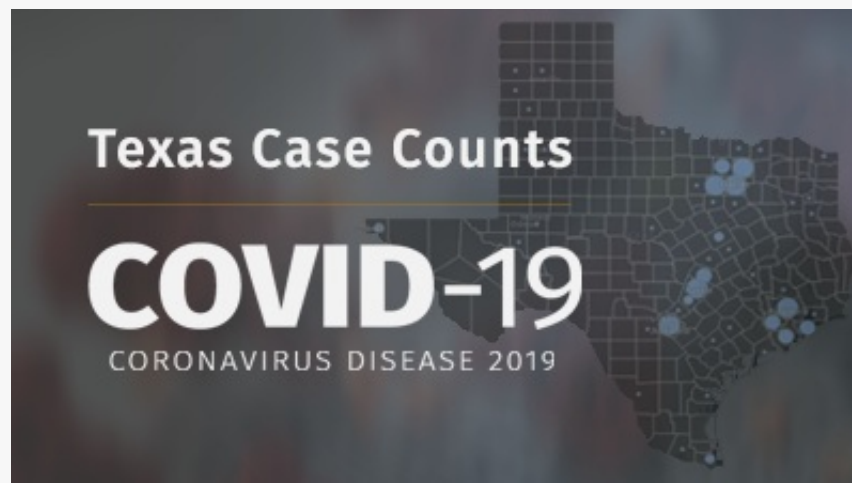
Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) today announced the establishment of the Supplementary Special Education Services (SSES) program to connect eligible students with severe cognitive disabilities with additional support for the critical services they require. This student-centered SSES program will help connect Texas families to high-quality, personalized services through a one-time funding allocation that aims to help offset learning disruptions related to COVID-19. Qualifying families will gain access to a targeted spending account to purchase services costing up to \$1,500 dollars per eligible student.

Through this funding source, Texas families can purchase supplemental supports such as tutoring, therapy, and digital resources through vendors approved and vetted by TEA. The purchased services are intended to be supplementary and do not remove responsibility from Texas public school systems to provide the educational services outlined in each eligible student's Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) plan.

Families of students enrolled in public school during the 2020-2021 school year that were enrolled during the initial COVID-19 closures in Spring 2020 and have been identified as having a low incidence disability will qualify. Nearly 59,000 students statewide are eligible to benefit from this new program. Participation priority will be given to families receiving income assistance and/or families that have documented financial need.

"This program is a win for Texas families and children with special education needs, many of whom have endured education disruptions due to COVID-19," said Governor Abbott. "Education is vital to the future of every Texas child, and every student is entitled to a high-quality education. The SSES program further advances Texas' mission to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. This innovative initiative builds on the services that students are already receiving at school, and provides additional resources and support at a pivotal moment in the lives of Texas families and their children."

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



CURRENT COVID-CONFIRMED PATIENTS IN THE HOSPITAL

4,263 **+18.65%**

TOTAL

OVER PAST 7 DAYS

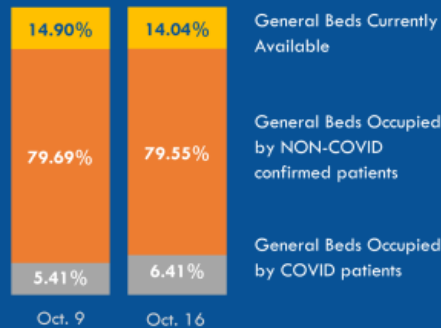
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2,861

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+18.47%

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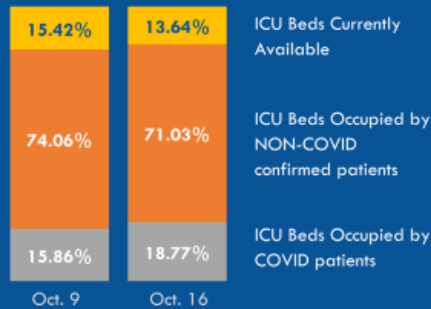
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1,347

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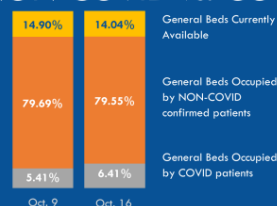


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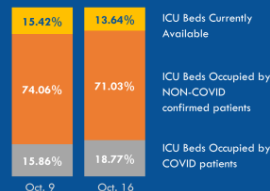
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DSHS FUNDS
\$1,056,990,172
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

RESOURCES

6,947	706	850+	980+
Staff Supporting Hospitals	Alternate Care Beds Secured	O ₂ Concentrators Distributed	Ventilators Distributed

CONTACT TRACING

3,214	16,342	54	\$59.5 M
State & Local Contact Tracers Active	Cases/Contacts Possible Per Day in Texas Health Trace	LHEs voluntarily using/sending data to Texas Health Trace	Call Center & Staff Expenditures for Texas Health Trace

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Putting Texas Back to Work Webinar



Welcome! You are invited to join a webinar: Putting...

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Upcoming Regional Flood Planning Group Meetings



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Schedules for the next Regional Flood Planning Group Meetings are listed in the table below. Times and locations are subject to change, so please continue to check this web page for the most

current information. It is anticipated that the first...

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Speed and Driver Inattention Lead to Increase in Traffic Crashes in Energy-Producing Areas in Texas

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AUSTIN -Last year, there were more than 205,000 crashes in counties defined as the Texas Energy Sector by the Texas Railroad Commission, which includes large portions of West Texas, South Texas and even extends into metropolitan areas like...

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City of Houston & Harris County Updates

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



H.D. 127 Updates

IH 10 Main Lane & Frontage Road Impacts



In late August and mid-September, the Grand Parkway Infrastructure team successfully set bridge beams for the new SH 99 bridge that will travel over IH 10 frontage roads and main lanes in Mont Belvieu. Over the past few weeks, our team has been preparing for another critical activity, pouring concrete on the bridge deck. **This activity is scheduled to impact IH 10 main lanes and frontage roads this coming Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25. Below you will find details regarding this weekend's impact.**

IH 10 CONCRETE DECK POUR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Saturday, October 24

7:00PM

- IH 10 westbound frontage road closed at SH 99
- SH 99 northbound closed between frontage roads
- IH 10 westbound exit ramp to SH 99 closed

9:30PM

- IH 10 westbound main lanes reduced by 2 lanes

10:00PM

- IH 10 eastbound frontage road closed at SH 99

10:30PM

- IH 10 eastbound main lanes reduced by 2 lanes

11:00PM

- All IH 10 eastbound main lanes closed
- Traffic to use frontage roads and frontage road detour

Sunday, October 25

12:00AM

- IH 10 westbound frontage road at SH 99 reopens
- SH 99 northbound reopens between frontage roads
- All westbound main lanes open

3:00AM

- All IH 10 eastbound main lanes open
- IH 10 westbound exit ramp to SH 99 reopens

6:00AM

- IH 10 eastbound frontage road at SH 99 reopens

***Timing is approximate and subject to change to facilitate continous deck placement**

7:00PM Saturday, October 24 thru 12:00AM Sunday, October 25

- IH 10 westbound frontage road closed at SH 99
- SH 99 northbound closed approaching the eastbound frontage road
- SH 99 closed between frontage roads
- Frontage road U-turns will remain open
- IH 10 westbound exit ramp to SH 99 closed (to reopen at 3AM Sunday)



9:30PM Saturday, October 24 thru 12:00AM Sunday, October 25

- IH 10 westbound main lanes reduced by 2 lanes



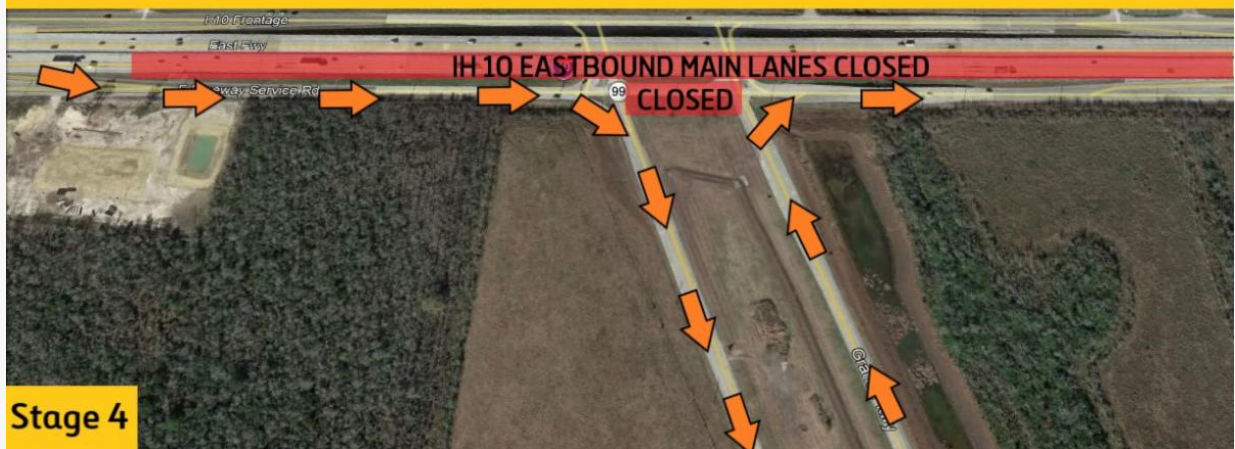
10:00PM Saturday, October 24 thru 6:00AM Sunday, October 25

- IH 10 eastbound frontage road closed at SH 99 intersection
- Motorists will be detoured back to the frontage road via SH 99 southbound, Old Needle Point Road, and SH 99 northbound.



11:00PM Saturday, October 24 thru 3:00AM Sunday, October 25

- All IH 10 eastbound main lanes closed (2 lane reduction 10:30PM-11:00PM)
- Reference Stage 3 for detour on the eastbound frontage road at SH 99 intersection



Capitol Office Closure

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